

KENTUCKY LICENSING BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 7, 2013
1:30 p.m.

A regular Board meeting of the Kentucky Licensing Board for Specialists in Hearing Instruments was held at the Office of Occupations and Professions located at 911 Leawood Drive in Frankfort, KY.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Lisa Nelson Brown
Michael Hoagland
Peter Pearlman
Debra Drewry
Michael Stone

OCCUPATIONS & PROFESSIONS STAFF

Diana Jarboe, Board Administrator

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Angela Evans, Board Attorney

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Greg Osetinsky, M.D.
Gerry Gordon-Brown
Faron Blakeman

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Hoagland called the meeting to order at 1:45 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the April 4, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Pearlman made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Hensley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Pearlman made a motion to approve the financial statement. Mr. Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS REPORT

O&P news was reviewed and discussed, including the resignation of the current Executive Director, the retirement of a Board Administrator, the hiring of a Resource Management Analyst II, the paycheck deferral for June 30, 2013, Board budget submission deadline for large expenses expected in the upcoming fiscal year, parking instructions for the Office of Occupations and Professions, and the open meetings training that is currently available for any Board members who may be interested.

OLD BUSINESS

Initial Licensure Fee Payment Deadline - Ms. Evans is to create language of mandatory payment of licensure fee within 30 days of passing all state and national exams and present it to the Board at the meeting in August.

State Testing Procedures – The Board had a great deal of discussion of the Board's goals regarding state testing procedures to be implemented upon the start of electronic administration of the national exam. Discussion included mandatory completion of the national exam prior to participation in any state practical or written exams. The Board plans to notify all licensees of any changes in testing procedures once they are made. For now, the Board will await notification from IHS on the implementation of electronic exams.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed correspondence that has been received by licensees in response to the notice recently mailed by the Board to all active licensees regarding continuing education. There was a decision made to send out an updated notice to better clarify the continuing education requirements of licensure. Ms. Nelson Brown will compose this updated notice and it will be mailed to all active licensees at the end of the month.

The Board received a request to add a continuing education link to their website. The Board discussed this opportunity but declined the offer, as they do not wish to have continuing education information or Association links on the Board's website.

The Board reviewed information provided by the International Hearing Society, which detailed initiatives currently underway that could affect the profession of hearing aid dispensing and the licensure of hearing instrument specialists.

Mr. Stone has composed a new written earmold exam which consists of two versions. The Board members reviewed all questions on both exams. Mr. Stone made a motion to accept and implement the new test, Ms. Nelson Brown seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The Board discussed a plan of making random phone calls and/or visits to the business of apprentice licensees. Ms. Drewry will compose a list of the businesses and a script for the basis of the call/visit. A plan of action will be made at the next meeting.

COMPLAINTS

The complaint committee made the following recommendations:

2012-01, court case 13-KBHI-0049 – Settlement agreement to be signed and mailed to all parties

2013-01 – request additional information

2013-02 – dismiss

2013-04 – dismiss

2013-03 A&B – dismiss

Mr. Hoagland recused himself from the voting of case 2013-04. Ms. Nelson Brown made a motion that the committee recommendation be accepted. Ms. Hensley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Complaint 2012-12, court case 12-KBHI-0410 is still ongoing.

APPLICATIONS

Ms. Nelson Brown motioned to approve the recommendations of the application committee, Mr. Brown seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. The following applications were approved:

Arthur Azar – Approved for reinstatement of licensure

Jeremy Beard – Approved as an apprentice under the sponsorship of John Logan

Austin Blakeman- Approved as an apprentice under the sponsorship of Faron Blakeman

Daniel Bledsoe - Approved to sit for exams 8/9/13

Samantha Booth – Approval to sit for exams 8/9/13, pending KY audiology licensure approval

Brittany Brose - Approval to sit for exams 8/9/13, pending KY audiology licensure approval

Trey Cline - Approved to sit for exams 8/9/13

Seth Fritz - Approval to sit for exams 8/9/13, pending KY audiology licensure approval

Noreen Gibbens - Approved to sit for exams 8/9/13

Whitney Kubuch - Approval to sit for exams 8/9/13, pending KY audiology licensure approval

Kimberly Meier - Approved to sit for exams 8/9/13

Lauren Murray - Approved to sit for exams 8/9/13

Sarah Peters– Approved as an apprentice under the sponsorship of Samuel Peters

Carolyn Reeves - Approved for reinstatement of licensure

Bernard Spahalski - Approved to sit for exams 8/9/13

Lindsey Walker - Approval to sit for exams 8/9/13, pending KY audiology licensure approval

Rebecca Warren– Approved as an apprentice under the sponsorship of Vickie Dillow

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The following program was recommended for approval by the education committee:

2013 Miracle-Ear Convention – 5 hours

Mr. Stone motioned to accept the recommendation of the education committee, Mr. Pearlman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND PER DIEM

Ms. Drewry made a motion to approve the travel and per diem. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pearlman. The motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

Mr. Hoagland reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 8, 2013. The complaint committee will meet at 12:30 p.m. with the regular meeting of the Board beginning at 1:30p.m.

Exams will be given on August 9, 2013 at the Transportation Cabinet beginning at 8:30am.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business before the Board, Mr. Pearlman made a motion that the meeting would be adjourned at 4:27p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stone. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Prepared by
Diana Jarboe, Board Administrator